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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, EEC, FW

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF THREE U.S. TRAWLERS OFF FRENCH GUIANA

REF: STATE 204831 (NOTAL)

1. AUTHORITIES IN FRENCH GUIANA HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO OUR INQUIRIES RE THE SEIZURE OF THREE U.S. TRAWLERS, BUT WE OBTAINED VERIFICATION FROM LOCAL FRENCH MARITIME AUTHORITIES AND FRENCH NAVY OFFICERS TODAY ABOUT THE FACTS.

2. THE THREE VESSELS ARE THE SEA KING, SEA STALLION, AND NAUTILUS. THEY WERE SEIZED AUGUST 25 AND AUGUST 26 FOR UNAUTHORIZED OPERATIONS IN FRENCH TERRITORIAL WATERS. THE VESSELS ARE NOW AT GRAD DES CANNES PORT IN FRENCH GUIANA. THE CREWS ARE AT LIBERTY AND FRENCH AUTHORITIES HERE EXPECT THE CAPTAINS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A PROCES VERBALE ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY.

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3. LOCALLY, FRENCH OFFICIALS ATTACH RELATIVELY LITTLE IMPORTANCE TO THE VIOLATIONS, BUT THE CATCH ON THE VESSELS IS LIKELY TO BE CONFISCATED AND FINES WILL BE LEVIED, PROBABLY IN THE AMOUNT OF 6,000 DOLLARS.

4. WE ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT THE CAPTAINS HAVE NOT CALLED US, BUT AS YET WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM THEM.SHACKLETON

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